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Adds Division 23.3 to the Public Resources Code

Section

Chapter 1 General provisions and Definitions

33301 Legislative findings

33302 Definitions including description and boundaries of region and subregions

Chapter 2 Sierra Nevada Conservancy

33320 Creates Conservancy in the Resources Agency and sets forth its objectives

33321 Sets forth and defines the membership of the Conservancy board (13 voting members and 3 nonvoting liaison members)

33322 Specifies terms of members

33323 (a) Provides that all voting members not state employees receive, for attending meetings, \$100 per scheduled meeting day

33323 (b) Provides that all members be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel, for attending meetings and other duties

33324 Provides that a chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected annually from among voting members

33325 (a) Establishes 7 members as a quorum and requires 7 affirmative votes for all decisions

33325 (b) Requires board to adopt rules, regulations and procedures for conduct of Conservancy's business

33325 (c) Provides that all voting members, including Federal non-voting liaison members, have the right to attend all meetings, including closed sessions

33326 Provides that the Board may establish advisory boards and committees, hold public meetings and engage in other outreach activities, and that members of such boards or committees be reimbursed for expenses

33327 Directs that the board shall establish a headquarters in the region and may rent or own real and personal property and equipment

33328 Provides that the board shall determine qualifications of and appoint an Executive Officer exempt from civil service, and employ other staff as necessary

33329 Provides that the board may contract for services

33330 Provides that the Conservancy's expenses for support and administration be paid from its operating budget and other available sources

33331 Requires that the board conduct business in accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

33332 Provides that regular board meeting shall be held within or near the region

33333 Provides that as of Jan. 1, 2006, the board agenda be posted on the Internet

Chapter 3 Powers, Duties and Limitations

33340 Limits jurisdiction to the Sierra Nevada Region

33341 Directs the board to carry out projects and activities to further the purposes of this division throughout the region, and seek to spread its funding and efforts equitably across subregions and among stated goals

33342 Provides that the conservancy cooperate and consult with cities, counties and public water

systems where a grant or real property acquisition is proposed, and coordinate its efforts with other state agencies.

- 33343 Authorizes the Conservancy to make grants and loans and sets forth conditions for doing so
- 33344 Sets forth conditions for granting funds to non-profit or tribal organizations for the purpose of acquiring real property
- 33345 Requires board to adopt guidelines setting priorities and criteria for projects and programs and requires, as part of the process, a strategic program planning including workshops and meetings in each of the six sub-regions. The strategic program must be updated every 5 years.
- 33346 Provides that Conservancy may expend funds and award grants, loans, and provide technical assistance to eligible grantees for planning and project development
- 33346.5 Provides that the conservancy may apply for and receive grants to carry out this division
- 33347 (a) Allows Conservancy to acquire less-than-fee simple interests in real property from willing sellers
- 33347 (b) Provides that property acquisition under \$250,000 per lot or parcel (to be adjusted for inflation) is exempt from the Property Acquisition Law (i.e. the State Public Works Board)
- 33347 (c) States that the Conservancy does not have the power of eminent domain.
- 33348 Sets forth the Conservancy's authority to carry out other real property transactions
- 33349 (a) Provides that the Conservancy shall manage and maintain lands under its control and may enter into agreements for this purpose
- 33349 (b) Authorizes the Conservancy to improve, restore, or enhance lands for the purposes of protecting the natural environment, for improving public recreational access and for other purposes of this division
- 33349 (c) Authorizes the Conservancy to enter into contracts for the construction, management and maintenance of facilities
- 33350 Requires the Conservancy to provide an annual report regarding costs and expenditures to the Legislature and Secretary for Resources
- 33351 Provides that the Conservancy may expend funds to carry out research and monitoring in connection with its responsibilities
- 33352 Allows the Conservancy to receive a variety of funds from different sources and requires that they be deposited in the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund "the Fund"
- 33353 Allows the Conservancy to fix and collect fees for services rendered by it and directs the fees to be deposited in "the Fund"
- 33354 Provides that any income to the Conservancy from rents, sales, etc., shall be deposited in the Fund
- 33355 Creates the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fund and provides that expenditures can only be made from the fund for purposes of this division upon appropriation of the Legislature
- 33356 States that the Conservancy has no powers of a city or county to regulate land use, no other regulatory power over land except where it owns or otherwise has an interest in the land, and no power over water rights held by others